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Limestone is found in many sections of Pocahontas County the elevation

anging from 2200 feet to about 3,000 feet in which it is found, in Little Le

els District limestone is found on Locust Creek, Stamping Creek, the entire

section in and around Hillsboro from above Millpoint to near the top of Droop

Mountain, In Edray District it is found on Swago Creek, Dry Creek in many sect-

ions Elk River but the greatest deposit is found near Edray, limestone is found

in many sections of the Greenbank District but most of it is found near Dunmore

and on Back Mountain above Cass.

X Limestone was used for agricultural purposes as far back as the 80s,

but has been used very extensively for this purpose since about 1936 one of the

largest limestone operations in Pocahontas County is found operating on Back Mo-

untain above Cass, here Robert Hevener has a draw kiln that put out 850 tons of

lime in 1940 this limestone is found on elevation around 3,000 feet and its pur-

ity is 99% lime, the equipment used by Hevener consists of the follow an air com-

pressor, a large truck to deliver with, he employs 5 men in getting out the rock

this lime is sold to farmers in Pocahontas, Randolph and Pendleton Counties. This

operation was started in 1937.

In 1939 C.A Young of Buckeye erected two draw kilns at the Overholt

cave on the head waters of Swago Creek and in 1940 he burned about 600 tons

of lime which was bought by the farmers of Pocahontas County, he employs from 4

to 5 men and has one delivery truck

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About 1937 Samuel C Bartholomew built a draw kiln at the foot of Droop Mountain on the farm of H.W Beard he operated here for two years lost his lease the quarry and in the meantime Lewis Gay had built a draw kiln in the Kee fl-ats on the late John Gay farm so Bartholomew went in with him Gay did the burning and Bartholomew did the delivering they continued to operate this way until 1941 when Bartholomew took over the entire operation and today he is employing from 5 to 7 men keeps a truck busy day and night hauling coal from Greenbrier and Nicholas Counties and delivering lime to Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Nicholas County farmers, H.W Beard is now operating a draw kiln at the foot of Droop Mountain his output is sold locally to the farmers of Little Levels besides several hundred ton that has been applied to the late M.L Beard estate.

About 1939 William Browning built a draw kiln on the Browning farm on Locust Creek his output is sold in Pocahontas and Raleigh County as he gets most of his coal from the Raleigh coal fields. He employs from 2 to 3 men and has a delivery truck to deliver the lime to the farmers, this kiln was built by Hesslandis of Hillsboro. The Young kiln built by George Hevener of Edray.

About 1939 F.W Ruckmen began to grind limestone into lime his crusher ^{head} operates at Stephen Hole Run his limestone is sold to the farmers of Pocahontas County, he employs from 2 to 3 men has a tractor and the lime pulverizer also a delivery truck besides these operations you find draw kilns on many farms as well

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ere they burn on the ground with logs and coal using dirt to hold the heat
at this time the manufacture of lime is one of the leading industries of
Pocahontas County, this limestone will make history for its self for in years
to come you will still be able to see the affects of where it was applied years
before. The ground limestone is used in concrete work and today we have many
of our better buildings and bridges that have our native limestone in them as
well as the limestone that has been used in the construction of our hard sur-
faced roads , the hard top on the Seneca Trail or route 219 from Buckeye to Mi-
llpoint came from the head of Steven's Hole Run as the Hill Construction Co. of
Va. opened up this quarry. At Fdray there has been a limestone quarry for many
years and the town of Marlinton has opened up a quarry on the Elk Mt. road this
limestone is used in the street work in the town.

Limestone has been used quite extensively in the many buildings made
with brick made from crushed limestone and one of the largest of this make is
the Grade School building at Hillsboro, the stone coming from a local quarry ne-
ar Hillsboro and erected by the late W.W Kinnison of near Hillsboro. Limestone
crushed at local quarrys has been used very extensively in making forms for bu-
ildings , basements, foundations and in the many sidewalks that are found in the
towns of Pocahontas County as the side walks at Hillsboro built in recent years
have been made with crushed limestone coming from a quarry on Mill Run, this qu-
arry is on the old Spice Run Railroad grade and this ledge of rock was known as
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the pigeon roost. Pocahontas County is rich in limestone and the richest
sections are Little Levels District in and around Hillsboro, in Fdray Dist-
riect at and near Fdray, on and near Cave Creek at Buckeye and on Back Mt.
above Cass in the Greenbank District some testing as high as 99% pure lime.

The cave at Stevens Hole Run was the home of Steven Sewell for several ye-
ars and is now a point of intrest for tourists for here you find a high li-
mestone cliff in which is the above cave, many springs coming out of the roc-
ks and all around are Spruce, Hemlock and Cedar trees which makes this a point
of intrest to tourists and this could be developed to one of the leading pla-
ces of intrest in Pocahontas County.

Limestone and its products are now and will be the leading industry
of Pocahontas County for years to come as it is just in its infancy.

Pocahontas County has many outcroppings of Marble all on the Nor-
th Western side of the Greenbrier River, this marble crops out at about 2600
feet starting at Droop Mountain and extending to Back Mt. in the upper end of
the county. In the vicinity of Hillsboro and the head of Stamping Creek we ha-
ve marble of a thickness of from 25 to 40 feet these are in color from red to
lagoon to a pinkish tinge and from that to the various shades of gray, this gray
stone could be used as a building stone, the brighter colors will produce st-
ones for ornimental purposes. Samples have been taken out by the C & O R. R
lished in the hopes some monument company would become interested and so far
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